

# Fact Sheet

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## 5th Signal Command (Theater)

### Wiesbaden, Germany

*Description.* The **5th Signal Command (Theater)** builds, operates and defends network capabilities to enable mission command and create tactical, operational and strategic flexibility for the Army, joint and multinational forces in the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command areas of responsibility. The Command's higher headquarters is U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

#### *Major Subordinate Commands*

- **2nd Theater Signal Brigade**, Wiesbaden, Germany
  - 39th Strategic Signal Battalion, Chievres, Belgium
  - 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Grafenwoehr, Germany
  - 52nd Strategic Signal Battalion, Stuttgart, Germany
  - 102nd Strategic Signal Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany
  - 509th Strategic Signal Battalion, Vicenza, Italy
  - 6981st Civilian Support Group, Germersheim, Germany



*History.* 5th Signal Command (Theater) traces its heritage to the U.S. Army Signal Command Europe, organized under U.S. Army Europe General Order dated March 20, 1958, which consolidated military communications in the European Theater. During the summer of 1974 the Command was constituted in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 5th Signal Command and activated July 1, 1974 at Kilbourne Kaserne in Schwetzingen, moving to Taukkunen Barracks in Worms in August 1974.

7th Signal Brigade was officially assigned to the Command in 1981. Warming superpower relations in the late 1980s and 1990s induced a period of adjustment and an Army-wide drawdown. 5th Signal Command inactivated the 160th Signal Brigade and consolidated its units into the 2nd Signal Brigade comprised of 39th, 43rd, 52nd, 69th, 102nd, and 509th Signal Battalions. The 7th Signal Brigade was comprised of 44th and 72nd Signal Battalions.

The unit's shoulder sleeve insignia, the dragon patch, was authorized for wear in October 1994. The following year the command moved its headquarters to Mannheim, where it stayed until 2009 when it moved to Wiesbaden. 7th Signal Brigade was inactivated in 2014, leaving 2nd Signal Brigade as the command's lone remaining assigned unit.

Through the years, the Command has served the Army with distinction in a broad range of peacetime, stability and contingency operations, including numerous operational and humanitarian missions. 5th Signal Command is scheduled to inactivate in FY2017 as a result of directed funding and force structure cuts made throughout the Department of Defense announced November 2016.